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School board chair hoists Liberal banner

PEGGY ARMSTRONG

Special to the Echo

The women wore red and the Toronto press did not march into town.

Those were a couple of the differences between local Liberal candidate Rick Johnson's press conference yesterday and Progressive Conservative leader John Tory's public announcement 10 days earlier that he will try to win the seat in the legislature vacated for him by Laurie Scott.

Also, Johnson made his appearance in a Lindsay coffee shop while Tory had the top floor of one of the town's upscale restaurants. Johnson stood with his wife and daughter at his side. Tory had Scott for support.

If it's to be a David and Goliath contest, then much will be made that David clearly is from around here, while Goliath needs a GPS, and Scott, to find his way to the showdown.

Johnson acknowledges that Tory is coming in "with star power," and "the whole provincial Tory machine" but he remains scrappy. "I look forward to the challenge."

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Matt James/TIMES

All crossed up

A group of boarder cross racers bomb down the course at Sir Sam's Ski Area on January 18. The hill was host to two new recreational races this past weekend: the Canadian Freestyle Ski Association skier cross and the Association of Ontario Snowboarders boarder cross. See page 12 for the complete story.

No one to blame in student's accident: father

JENN WATT

Staff Reporter

It was an accident in the truest sense.

On the morning of January 12, the best intentions of three people ended up twisting into the worst-case scenario: a child getting hit by a car on her way to school.

Andy Paul, the father of nine-year-old Allison Paul, has been caring for his daughter since she

returned from Toronto Sick Kids' hospital January 14, and says there is no blame to be laid in how Allison was injured.

The day began as it usually does, Allison and her siblings get a ride to school from their mother, high-school teacher Judi Paul, and walk from the high school parking lot to J.D. Hodgson Elementary School.

It involves walking along a roadway used by buses and cars between the two schools.

"My children were walking up there and they were poised to go across to the other side to walk facing traffic. My daughter, Alli, was at the front end of a bus and ready to go across the road. Evidently that bus driver tooted at her, and Alli's interpretation of that was 'hurry up, get out of my way, I want to move ahead,' so she hurried across the road probably without looking and into the path of the vehicle," Andy said.

But in fact the bus driver was

trying to prevent an accident.

"What that driver said she was intending to do was to warn [Allie] there was a vehicle coming, but anyway, Allie was in the path of the vehicle and she didn't have time to get out of its way and that fellow did the best he could to avoid her and get stopped. It's on a slight incline, it's winter time, you don't have the traction you normally have."

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Heritage House reopens

MATT JAMES

Staff Reporter

Heritage House Café owner Nicola Jowett says she's ready to do what many Haliburtonians have been asking for: she's reopened the café less than a month after closing down for the winter.

When Jowett opened in May 2007, it was her plan to shut the café down over the slow winter months and re-open in the spring.

But since she closed last month she's been pleasantly hassled about opening.

"It's been unbelievable," says Jowett.

She says the phone just keeps ringing with customers asking if she's open and what her hours are.

"It feels like missed opportunity," she says.

While winter in Haliburton comes full force, Jowett says that the people still have the desire to be social and want to get out of their house.

Event nights involving karaoke, comedy, and music, along with psychic readings with Barbara Swift, should help.

For the next two months Jowett will fly the café solo and come April she'll bring back her staff for the busy season.

She plans to be open year-round from now on.

Snowmobile stolen

A snowmobile was stolen from the Haliburton parking lot on York Street Saturday afternoon between 3 p.m. and 4:45 p.m.

The white 1998 Polaris XC 700, licence plate number 814317 was parked with other machines.

Anyone with information on this incident is asked to call the OPP communications centre at 1-888-310-1122 or Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS.

Driver flees accident scene

Police are searching for the driver of a light blue sedan who failed to remain at the scene of an accident in the driveway of Todd's Independent Grocery Friday afternoon, just after 3 p.m.

Leslie Burke was on her way out of the grocery store parking lot in her Chevrolet Optra, when another vehicle driving toward the grocery store attempted to turn left into the gas bar.

The two cars collided, deploying both airbags in Burke's car. She spoke briefly with the other driver before going into the gas bar to call police.

When she returned, the man had fled the scene.

Police are looking for a 70-year-old white man, driving a light blue or light grey full-size sedan.

Burke was taken by ambulance to Haliburton hospital with non-life-threatening injuries.

If you have any information on this case, call the OPP communications centre at 1-888-310-1122 or Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS.

Library gets new chief

Bessie Sullivan has been named the new CEO of the Haliburton County library system.

Sullivan will be replacing Joel Levis, who resigned in early fall after 22 years of service.

Sullivan has 13 years of experience managing library operations and has a masters of library science degree from McGill University.

"We are fortunate indeed to have attracted a range of such good candidates and look forward to working with Ms. Sullivan," said library board chair Cheryl Murdoch.

Sullivan will begin her duties in March.

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Japanese student bids farewell

MATT JAMES

Staff Reporter

Yusuke Sakai is such a familiar sight roaming the halls of Haliburton Highlands Secondary School that it's hard to imagine he's only been here for a year. To him, however, his arrival in Canada as a 16-year-old exchange student from Osaka, Japan seems like yesterday.

Yusuke is in Haliburton by pure chance. About two years ago Angie McGreevy and Pavel Gmuzdek answered a newspaper ad from Canada Homestay International, which was looking for families to host exchange students. Gmuzdek had been an exchange student from Czechoslovakia when he was a teenager and he'd liked Canada so much that he decided to immigrate here, eventually making his way to Haliburton County.

"We wanted to pass on that great experience to someone else," said McGreevy.

For two years there was no response. Then, one day last year, McGreevy received a call from Muskoka Language International, which is connected with Canada Homestay International. It had a young man from Japan who wanted to experience life in Canada. Would they share their life with him for a year? "It's been great," Angie says. "Yusuke adjusted really easy. A lot of kids go through depression or get home sick, but he didn't. He was really out going and Jack - he just loved Jack."

Jack is McGreevy and Gmuzdek's three-year-old son who, to Yusuke's amazement, can speak fluent Czech and English. And with the help of Yusuke he now speaks a little Japanese.

A world away

Last February, Yusuke and 35 of his classmates at Momoya High School in Osaka left for their year on exchange together. Their destinations in Canada, however, were all different.

While Yusuke didn't get to choose exactly where in Canada he'd be living, he did get to choose east or west. His decision was random; he said he chose Ontario because his friend did.

"I am glad I came here," said Yusuke [pronounced U-su-kay]. "People are nice and friendly and the students are friendly."

He also enjoyed the lay of the land, its serenity, and snowboarding at Sir Sam's Ski Area. But deep down there is no denying he's a city boy.

"I like the quiet of Haliburton but I don't want to live here," he said. "I want to live in the big city. For vacation I want to go to the countryside."

Osaka, Japan's second largest city with a population of approximately nine million, is where Yusuke has lived his entire life. Life in Japan is a world apart from Haliburton. "We don't have school bus," he said. "At home I take a train and subway. It takes a while to get to school."

At Momoya school starts at 8:20 a.m. and lets out at 4 p.m., Monday to Friday. School resumes on Saturday at 8:20 a.m. and the only difference is that they get out early at 12:30 p.m. Because it takes him an hour to get home, the highly social teen sometimes doesn't get home until 9 p.m. "Because it's a big city we go shopping and go to movie theatres and karaoke," said Yusuke of his after-school life. "Everyone goes to karaoke but I just listen to my friends, I don't sing."

He is, however, a fantastic pianist and soccer player.



MATT JAMES/ECHO

Yusuke Sakai's fingers move like magic over the keys of the high school's grand piano. His host family says he also enjoys watching YouTube videos of people playing piano. The 17-year-old exchange student spent a year living and loving the Highlands and will soon return to Japan.

When Yusuke arrived at HHSS he knew very little English. McGreevy introduced him to music teacher Tom Regina and told him that Yusuke played piano. Regina, keen to hear the young man play something, was so taken aback by Yusuke's talent McGreevy thought Regina's jaw would hit the floor.

Yusuke learned to play piano and soccer when he was six and since then he's excelled at both. On the soccer field in the summer and inside the school gym in the winter, his soccer skills exceed the best players of Haliburton.

In Osaka Yusuke belongs to the Ywata Soccer Club, and while truly amazing soccer players are rare in Haliburton, Yusuke said that's not the case in Osaka.

"I got benched," he says, "because everyone is good."

If you've ever seen Yusuke juggle a soccer ball you certainly wouldn't have him sitting on the bench of your team.

Learning about life

While he's set to go back to Osaka on January 21, he isn't soon to forget his experiences of living in a small town and all he's learned. He's particularly pleased with how much his English has improved. Learning English was difficult but he says his peers were open and patient when communicating with him.

When asked what he learned most about himself during his year here he took a moment.

"In Japan," he said a moment later, "families don't re-

ally express physically and with words, but in Canada family is very important."

Yusuke admits he was never really homesick and McGreevy was surprised by how little he communicated with his parents. But sometimes travellers like to separate themselves from home to get a true feeling for the experience and Yusuke says Japanese families aren't very communicative. But with McGreevy and Gmuzdek it was different.

"I stayed with them for one year, so we're close," said Yusuke. He hopes to take some of that Canadian affection back home with him. When he returns to Osaka he'll finish Grade 12 and graduate. It is his hope to attend university and pursue a career in international business economics and continue his world travels.

"If I can I'd like to go to university in another country like the U.S. or the U.K." This way he can combine getting an education with his desire to explore the world. "I get to see different cultures, different landscapes, and I get to meet lots of people - and I don't know, it's just fun. I think it's fun," he said.

Yusuke also wanted to thank two families in particular. Having made close friends with Jesse Schmidt and Matt Smith, Yusuke wanted to extend his thanks to those families, saying they always drove him around and had him for dinner.

To see a video of Yusuke playing piano visit our website www.haliburtonecho.ca.

Feedback sought on construction deposit

JENN WATT

Staff Reporter

The following are brief reports of items discussed at Dysart et al council's January 12 meeting.

A public information meeting will be held concerning a proposed \$1,000 deposit on all construction work done in the municipality.

Councillors were not totally satisfied with the draft road-damage bylaw presented to them, but couldn't think of a better way to recoup the money that Dysart is losing every time a construction vehicle damages municipal roads.

"I think what you've got here is a step in the right direction," said Deputy-reeve Bill Davis.

The draft bylaw exists because roads have been either torn up by heavy trucks or building materials have fallen off trucks onto the road. Deposit money would be returned to builders after the project was completed without incident.

Reeve Murray Fearrey was concerned that the deposit would end up being a tax on construction workers.

"You know darn well that half the people won't apply to get their money back, which is a tax in a way," he said.

The money lost on road repairs was enough for council to push forward and they are now looking for feedback from landscapers and construction workers.

Council is asking interested parties to come talk about possible solutions at 7 p.m., February 2, in council chambers.

Roads workers getting hard time

Belligerent residents have been giving the Dysart roads department a hard time with snow clearing, the roads department supervisor told council.

"They're nasty. They come at you, like I'm the one in the wrong," said Brian Nicholson. One of the big issues Nichol-

son and his crews deal with is residents pushing snow from their driveways into the roads.

There are times when confrontations get so heated the OPP have been called. There are also issues of people parking along the roads, hindering plows.

In these cases, after a warning vehicles are towed.

"Some people need to learn the hard way," Nicholson said.

Despite the difficulties, council had nothing but good things to say about how well the crews had been working.

Pipers get band shell for summer

In order to avoid a musical cacophony this summer, Haliburton Pipes and Drums has booked the band shell for every Tuesday evening July and August of 2009.

Last year sounds clashed when the Folk Society had musicians in the band shell and the pipe band players practised in the town parking lot.

Fire calls up in 2008

Dysart fire department responded to 278 calls in 2008, up from 239 in 2007.

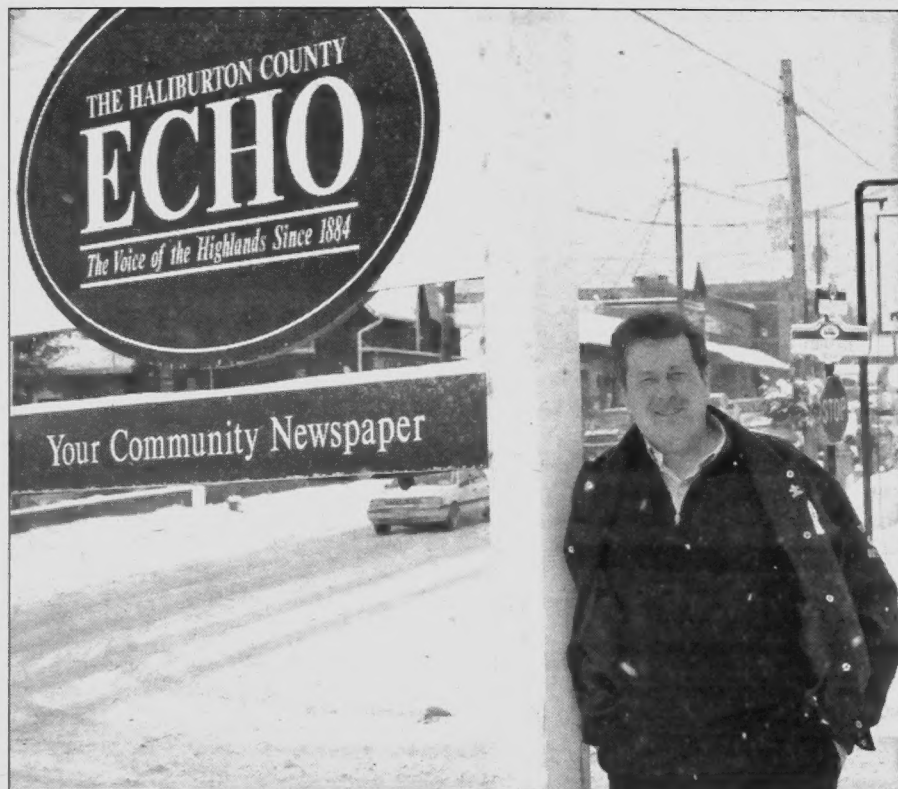
They continue to respond overwhelmingly to medical assist calls, with 135 over the year, 48 per cent of calls.

There was also a substantial increase in structural fires, with an estimated loss to owners of \$1.5 million. While there were two structural fires in 2007, last year there were 25.

Rails End asks for continued funding

The Rails End Gallery joined the long list of organizations appealing to the municipality for funds in the next budget year.

Council heard that the gallery would like to receive \$55,000, the same as last year with a commitment to continue the same funding in 2010.



MARTHA PERKINS/Echo

Conservative leader John Tory knows there are obstacles to winning a seat in Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock now that Laurie Scott has stepped down for him as MPP. However, he's optimistic that he will earn the trust of local voters.

Haliburton not safe PC riding, Tory says

Conservative leader to campaign hard

JENN WATT

Staff Reporter

John Tory is trying. The PC party leader and candidate for MPP comes to the Haliburton Echo office in the midst of a snowstorm, appropriately dressed-down in a fleece sweater and blue slacks, but a dress shirt is still visible underneath.

In an interview with multiple reporters, he expertly touches on the issues of the riding – broadband Internet, job creation, tourism – and promises to work night and day for his constituents here, if he is elected.

He mentions business success story Patient News, humbles himself in comparison to popular politician Laurie Scott and commiserates over poor cellphone reception along County Road 21.

He remembers everyone's names after one introduction.

And he says he's going to fight for this seat as hard as any MPP-hopeful has ever done.

"The most important thing for me to

say, because it's in my heart, is that I take nothing for granted.

This is a seat that has been held by all three parties over the last 20 years and so the notion that I'd be sitting around assuming that it's in the bag is not on," Tory said.

This may be the last chance Tory has to secure his leadership of the provincial Progressive Conservative party.

There has been talk of him stepping down ever since the PCs lost ground in the last election largely because of his religious schools funding proposal.

Since that time, he has dropped the idea totally, but because he doesn't have a seat in the legislature, his hold of the reigns of the party is still fragile.

Tory doesn't want to talk about what will happen if he loses in Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock.

"I don't like to answer negative hypothetical questions or positive hypothetical ones for that matter," he said.

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Tory faces substantial obstacles in race for riding

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"I'm going to go and try hard to win the byelection, but I think certainly it would pose some pretty serious difficulties for me if I was unsuccessful in the byelection, but I'm pretty optimistic that I can be successful and earn the confidence of people here and go and do a good job for them and also for all of Ontario as leader of the Opposition," he said.

There are substantial obstacles in his way.

First, and probably most important, a large part of the population is upset that former-MPP Scott stepped down to make way for him.

In a week-long poll on the *Haliburton Echo's* website, 62 per cent of 178 respondents said Scott should not have stepped down for Tory.

Thirty-four per cent said it was a good decision and four per cent either didn't care or were undecided.

Tory said the feelings of disappointment that Scott left are appropriate and understandable, but that she isn't leaving the riding and her influence would be felt in all of his policy decisions for this area.

"I think that it's legitimate that they would feel disappointed and they would feel disappointed because they picked her and she is a person that is someone they've known for probably her entire life in many cases because of her father and mother's involvement in politics.

"At the same time, my sense is as I go around even in the last four or five days that people understand why she did it," Tory said.

Scott has said repeatedly that she believes the party is stronger with Tory in the legislature and that the people of Haliburton will have a louder voice in Queen's Park if the leader of the Opposition is speaking for them.

"If I become known as the guy who just shows up with Laurie Scott everywhere and they can't quite remember my name, that's fine with me as long as they know that I am with her all the time and I'm there to help too," he said.

A second hindrance to Tory is the fact he doesn't live in the riding and that where he does live - Toronto - is as far from the reality of the Highlands as you can get.

To that, Tory says he has experience with rural issues during his two years as the representative for Dufferin-Peel-Wellington-Grey and that he recognizes that things aren't the same in Haliburton as they are in Toronto.

"I live in Toronto, I want to be honest," Tory said.

"When I went to Dufferin-Peel and they asked if I'd buy a house there, I said that I wouldn't because in a way it's kind of trying to pull the wool over people's eyes and have them think that I'm living here," he said.

Andrew Hodgson, who sat in on the interview, noted that his brother Chris, who represented the riding from 1994 to 2003, actually lived in Markham during the last



"What you're going to have is a two-for-one deal; you're going to have Laurie Scott who will still live here and you're going to have me fighting for the needs and wants of the people who live here."

JOHN TORY

part of his tenure.

Hodgson said his brother moved closer to Queen's Park after getting a cabinet position, which requires a lot of travel and time in the city.

No doubt the leader of the Opposition would be required to travel just as much.

Still, Tory said, he will be in this riding a lot and even if he does end up running elsewhere in the next election, Haliburton County will be on his mind.

If voters from this riding elect Tory, the benefits will be two-fold, he said.

"I say, what you're going to have here is a two-for-one deal; you're going to have Laurie Scott who will still live here, who will still be at lots of events with me and probably many on her own and you're going to have me as well fighting for the needs and the wants and the aspirations of people who live here," he said.

The seat is expected to be contested by more candidates than this riding usually gets.

So far the Reform Party has promised to field a local candidate, the Liberals have announced Rick Johnson will run again on their ticket and the Green Party will run Peter Schreiner, who is, like Tory, from Toronto.

This week's online poll question: Would you vote for a candidate in the upcoming provincial byelection who does not live in the riding? Poll results will be published in next week's *Echo*.

Meanwhile, 100.9 Canoe FM will be re-broadcasting the *Echo* interview with John Tory on Friday at 3 p.m.

The *Echo* also hopes to have the full audio file on its website, www.haliburtonecho.ca.

On the issues

John Tory responds to some of the county's most pressing issues.

On high-speed Internet:

"You couldn't have had a business like Patient News established if broadband didn't exist. They just wouldn't have been able to put it here and similarly you want people who are graphic artists or anything like that who want to say I would like to live here and do my work here, but if you don't have broadband they can't do it. It's an economic issue, it's an issue for kids, it's a health care issue, because you want to have the ability to transfer information back and forth. Why should Haliburton not have access to all of that?"

On property assessments:

"Everybody (who's) getting assessment notices today ... are valued at the peak of the real estate market that has collapsed to some extent since then, but they're stuck with those assessments for another four years because they're not going to do another assessment. It's a ridiculous system. ... I think what we've got to do is go back and redo the system, which is by the way I would start by blowing up MPAC just on the basis that it may be beyond salvage - just blow it up and start over again."

On putting four lanes on Highway 35:

"If you want to look at something that's going to boost the economy of this area it would be to get that project underway and get it completed faster than perhaps might have been the plan. ... What's the hold up?"

On doctor recruitment:

"If people did graduate from here and stayed here we would forgive some of the interest on their loans that they've built up over time as a means of incentive. A second thing we have to do is make it easier for older doctors to scale down their practice but stay in practice longer. ... I am convinced that if we made the effort we could get some of those doctors (practicing in the U.S.) to come home - not just to this county, but across the province."

On rural poverty:

"As a Progressive Conservative, I think the best thing you can do to lift people out of poverty is to have jobs made available to them that are going to lift their incomes by giving them an opportunity to get a better job. That's why I place a strong economy first. Four-lane Highway 35, get the broadband in, make sure small business is seeing government as its partner, not as some obstruction ... If you ask me (about) social assistance, I've learned that those answers don't come from bureaucrats and they don't come from politicians. My approach will be to sit down with the social service community (to find solutions)."

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Building an economy

IF THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT WANTS to know why its upcoming budget needs to be less about economic philosophy and more about job creation, they need only to send a few representatives to the Highlands on a weekday morning. The quiet streets will indicate that we have a definite surplus of time on our hands. We need to fill that time with work.

January is a typically slow month here. Everyone's facing the reality of their Christmas credit card bills, it costs more to heat our homes and the weather can play havoc with weekend plans to come to the cottage. But there's something a little more gloomy about this January. It lacks the hope that everything will be better in the spring.

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martha perkins

Recessions are as much a psychological phenomena as an economic one. Right now, even people with money are cautious about spending it. They hear so much doom and gloom in the media – and the media is reporting on real events – that they develop a bunker mentality. They hide until all the bad-news bombs stop falling.

This recession started when the American banks' money disappeared. Without money to lend, the growth of the economy came to a quick and drastic halt. Canada has been insulated from the worst of the global repercussions but since America is our largest single customer, if people in the States have no money to spend, we have a lot fewer people to sell to.

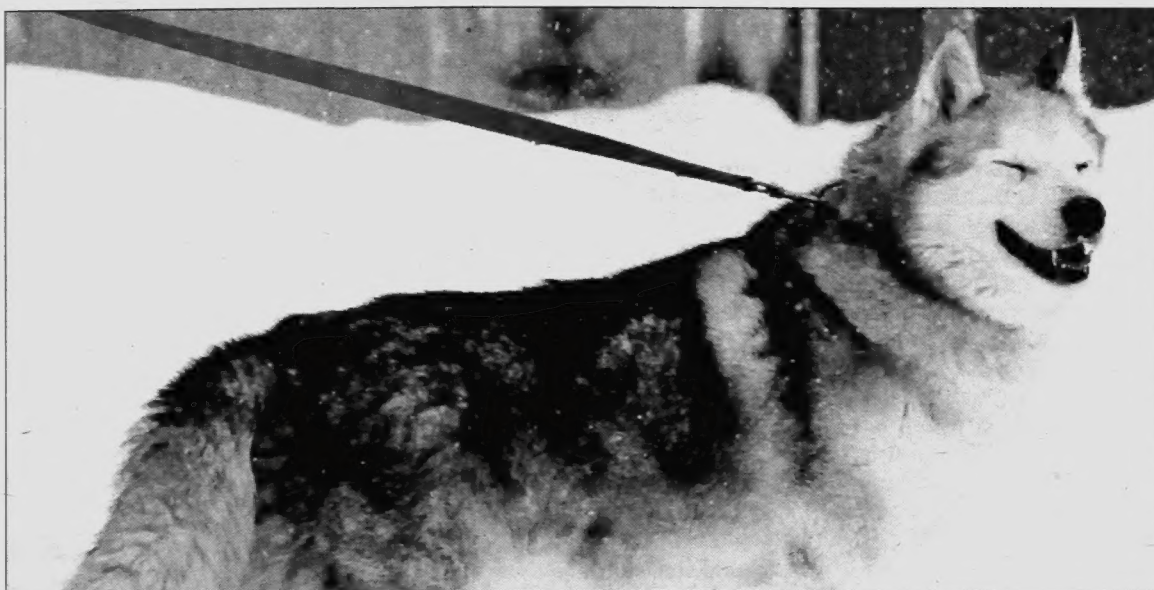
Under these conditions, stimulating the economy is not a matter of putting more money in people's and businesses' hands through tax cuts. We're too deep in this global crisis for that to do much good. Chances are, any money people get from tax cuts will be used to pay down existing debt, not increase spending.

We need jobs and Haliburton's business community can provide them on its own. We need government to do what government can do better than small business – use our collective tax dollars (even if you have to borrow them from the future) to fund the big projects that small businesses or small governments can't do on their own.

This is a chance for us to build towards a stronger future. By investing in large infrastructure projects today, we not only help Canadians get out of the recession's slump, but we also strengthen the foundation on which to build future prosperity. Municipalities aren't asking to pave highways with gold as make-work projects. They're asking for help with the large projects that are necessary.

When it comes to Ontario, federal finance minister Jim Flaherty, who sat in Mike Harris's cabinet, often sounds as if he still thinks his job is to beat the McGuinty Liberals in an election. That part of his life is over – and he must get over it. Ontarians, whether Conservative or Liberal or NDP, need a federal government that will rise about politics and dogmatic approaches to controlling the economy. Tax cuts won't work right now because people who aren't working, and businesses that aren't producing, don't pay taxes anyway. And it's not as if there are lots of companies shopping around the world looking for bargains on where to invest.

Stimulate the economy by creating jobs and getting people back to work. Once we're back in business, that's when you start the debate on how to manage it best.



The snow is bright out here

Photo by Stephanie Metzger

California dreamin' a nightmare

HOW COULD THIS HAPPEN? California – the land of milk and honey, the golden state, tinsel town, Surfin' U.S.A., Beach Blanket Bingo – is going broke! Who'd have ever thunk it?

When I was a teenager, the first TV shows and movies that showcased this golden state hit the world like a new promise of the fountain of youth. 77 Sunset Strip was a cop show featuring an all-American firm of private detectives who were way cool and stood for law and order and the American way as they toolled around L.A.'s famous Sunset Strip arresting the bad guys. Everyone in the world wanted to live in this fabulous locale, where the girls were all blond, tanned and strutted their stuff on the beach, and the guys were all blond, tanned and strutted their stuff on the beach.

An ex-Mouseketeer named Annette Funicello starred in a series of beach movies where she and her delicious teenage girlfriends drove every teenage boy insane by romping around the silver screen in bikinis for two hours. Why would anyone live anywhere else, I wondered. Why do I live in a place that has winter?

Movie stars, who could live anywhere, lived in Beverly Hills in fabulous mansions with swimming pools and sunshine every day. Everybody drove convertibles. The hotrod was invented here. Every night, everyone cruised The Strip in their very cool cars which included everything from perfectly reconstructed '32 Ford hotrods (Little Deuce Coupe) to Ferraris and Porsches – more stuff of dreams for all North American teenagers.

And there was more to this Nirvana than glitter and glamour; there was bounty – a growing season that never ended which supplied the rest of the continent with every vegetable under the sun, all year round.

I remember my first trip to California back when I worked in advertising. We used to shoot

TV commercials there that couldn't be shot in Canada because of the winter. I was given a tour of the area on one of our days off. We drove past vistas of vegetables, which disappeared over the horizon. Mind-boggling. "What do they grow here," I asked.

Lettuce. From here to (name of town) it's lettuce, and then from (name of town to name of other town) it's carrots."

And we weren't talking acres here, we were talking square miles – thousands of them.

Even more importantly, California invented the Go-Go Girl. A whole new booze and dance craze started in a bar called the Whisky-A-Go-Go. It swept across the world. Johnny Rivers fronted the house band and twanged out the tunes; the scantily attired Go-Go girls housed in lighted cages hung from the ceiling, ground out the moves; and the dance floor packed with the coolest 20-somethings followed their lead.

Malibu became a household word. Malibu is one of the more celebrated beaches that became famous for housing some of the more affluent Los Angelinos. In actual fact, there are two parts to Malibu. There's the very expensive area and the out-of-sight expensive area. (If you don't have your own TV show, you can't afford to buy here.)

But California isn't just Los Angeles. It's San Diego (80 degrees every day). There's Palm Springs. (Frank Sinatra lived here.) There's the coast highway (Hwy 1 stretches from L.A. to San Francisco along the Pacific coast past Monterey and San Jose and... well, you really have to drive it). And then there's San Francisco. A unique combination of Eastern sophistication perched on the West Coast, in a city that was built on the side of a mountain. But I'd need another page to do this city justice.

Really. If this state can go broke, what chance does anywhere else have?



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No need to worry

IF YOU LIVE LONG ENOUGH with dogs, you'll come to understand that they are a lot smarter than we give them credit for. Dogs, on the other hand, probably arrive at a diametrically opposite conclusion in regards to us. At least mine do.

I realized this the other day as I watched my springer spaniel race to the front door with our two Labrador retrievers hot on her tail. The spaniel, Callie, could hardly contain herself. Her excitement was so infectious, in fact, that within seconds even the mild-mannered labs were jumping up and down at the door and whimpering desperately to go outside.

Seconds later, I swung open the front door and watched the labs charge outside into the frigid cold of winter, not quite sure why, but enthusiastic nevertheless. Callie then took a deep breath, turned around, and calmly walked to her favourite spot in front of the wood stove. A short while later, she was dreaming of cats.

tales from



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This was the third time I had watched her pull that stunt, which earned her a half-hour break from the commotion that accompanies living with a lab and her puppy.

At first, I wondered where she learned this. But then I remembered that I used to pull the very same trick on her all the time when she was a rambunctious puppy. That's right, I'd run to the door, act all excited, get her wound up, open the door and watch her run outside.

Then, I'd retire to the couch for a brief respite.

Suddenly, I was horrified.

I mean if you think about it, this is the very same scenario that led to the demise of human civilization in the Planet of the Apes movies. That's right, the subservient apes watched their human masters and learned a trick or two just like this, all the while biding their time, sharing the information, and plotting our overthrow. When the revolt came, we never even knew what hit us.

As scary as this scenario is, the important thing is that I've uncovered their dastardly scheme and hopefully can nip it in the bud.

Of course, I'm not sure how far these canines have already evolved. But I do know this – if they have learned to read, this column is probably the safest place for us to communicate. It's the last place they'll look.

Right about this point, there are probably a whole lot of you in denial.

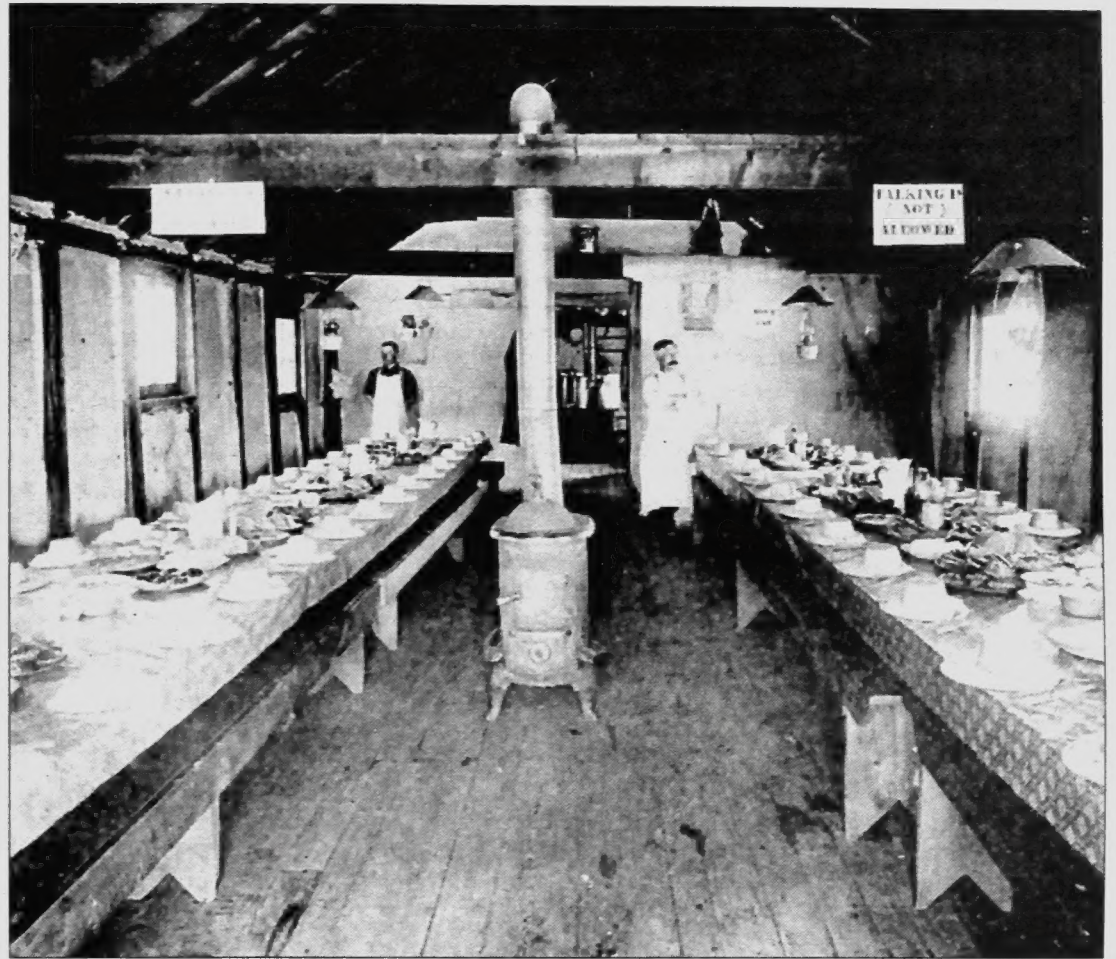
You think that your dog is happy sleeping on the kitchen floor, eating the same thing day in and day out from a bowl, chewing on old bones, slippers, and rawhide, sneaking drinks from the toilet, and rolling in putrid messes whenever they encounter them. Well, believe that if you like, but I'm getting ready for the big revolt.

Call me an alarmist, but there's no way I want to find myself living in the woods without having to worry about the stresses of modern life. And let's never forget how it was in the first scene of the Planet of the Apes movie when the Ape cavalry ambushed the wild humans who were sunbathing without a care in the world near the waterfalls and pilfering free food from their crops. It was horrible how they caught all those poor humans in nets, placing Charlton Heston in a cage with several scantily clad and very physically-fit females whose heaving bosoms indicated that they were scared and in need of security and comfort. Let's also never forget that one of those women who suffered was starlet Linda Harrison, who played Nova, and was voted by GQ magazine as one of the 25 sexiest women in film of all time...

Uh, you know what? Maybe I spoke too soon about this whole issue. The more I think about it, the more I realize that our dogs probably won't revolt. Did I say probably? I meant they wouldn't. That's right, there's no chance. Forget I even brought it up.

Hey, and even if they did I'm sure it would work out for the best. They are, after all, man's best friend. No, I wouldn't worry about it at all. Let's go back to our unsuspecting lives. Do what you were doing before I brought all this up.

As for me, I'm about to train my dogs how to ride a horse and use a net.



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letters to the editor

Scott's move is in riding's interest

To the Editor:

As president of her riding association, I have long trusted and respected Laurie Scott's opinion and actions. Her decision to step aside to make way for party leader John Tory as our local MPP is no exception. In doing just that, she has once again shown how well she has understood and represented the needs of both our rural and our urban communities.

Laurie's decision is also an indication of just how clearly this endearing and respected representative of our interests sees the big picture. Her dedication to the betterment of this riding has never faltered, and what could be better than having a future Premier of the province as our representative. So as president of the Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock PC Riding Association, I give my full support to her decision and also to John Tory.

It heartens me in particular to know that Laurie will continue to serve us in her new position with the Ontario PC party. She will be in charge of readying our troops for the next provincial election. Together, John and Laurie will be letting Premier McGuinty know in no uncertain terms just how unhappy we are with his performance and leadership.

In other words, your support of John Tory serves Laurie's interests as well as our own. We can indeed unseat the current Liberal establishment and install a government that better serves our interests. That's the vision Laurie has for the PC party of Ontario, and a vote for John Tory in the upcoming by-election will support her vision.

Penny Waghome
President, Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock
PC Riding Association

Ambulances need to have snow tires

To the Editor:

On January 7, I had a medical emergency and had to get to the Haliburton Hospital ASAP. There had been a considerable amount of snow that day and it was still snowing so I called a neighbour who had four-wheel drive.

The next day I was transported to Peterborough by ambulance. During that two and a half hour drive over snow-covered and icy roads I learned that our ambulances do not have snow tires. I found this hard to believe and incomprehensible that these vehicles which are there to save our lives (and often when time is of the essence) do not have

snow tires.

I'm certain that an ambulance without snow tires would not have made it up my driveway that night. Thank the Lord for good neighbours.

Ethel Galvin
Haliburton

Editor's note: Pat Kennedy, the director of the Haliburton County EMS, says that snow-rated tires are on three of the five county ambulances. The department is having trouble finding snow-rated tires for the remaining two ambulances, which have all-terrain tires. All tires are regularly inspected and meet ministry of transportation standards.

Girl recovering from broken jaw

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"The vehicle hit her and went overtop of her," Andy said.

In her classroom at HHSS, Judi was preparing to teach her class. Students started coming in talking about another child who had been hit by a car, but it was minutes before Judi discovered it was her daughter.

Allison was sent to hospital and airlifted to Toronto with her mother by her side.

Andy stayed in Haliburton to take care of the other three children.

After being hit by the car, Allison had two breaks in her jaw, a fractured cheek bone, a scrape on the right side of her face stretching from her eye to her chin, scrapes on her body and stitches on her right side.

She's now home and doing well, Andy said. The hardest part is that her jaw is wired so that it heals, making eating and speaking difficult.

"She is able to walk around and enjoy quite a few things. The biggest handicap right now is eating. If you can imagine, you can't chew and you're very limited in what you can get in your mouth. It's

mostly liquid or purée form foods," he said.

Allison's received get-well cards from her classmates and a call from a friend and there's a plan for a visit sometime this week.

She wants to go and see her class soon, because she has a show-and-tell item to present.

"She's got pictures of her oldest brother. He's in Australia, he caught a swordfish and he's got photos of it – a great big nine-foot-long swordfish and stories to tell about the excitement he had," Andy said.

There has been some discussion over whether changes should be made regarding the laneway between the schools. Although there may be informal practices taking place by parents and bus drivers, nothing formal has changed, said school board communications officer Jeanne Pengally. Though, she said, "parents will naturally not follow that route at this point."

No charges were laid against the driver of the vehicle that hit Allison, which Andy said is the right thing to do. He said his family lays no blame for what happened. It was just an accident.

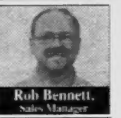


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SBES students get mushy

Grade 3 students at Stuart Baker Elementary School had a few special visitors on January 13 — about 20 dogs from Winterdance Dogsled Tours. Hanging on tight for their free introduction to dogsledding are Wesley Stoughton and Derek Rolfe.

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Will Haliburton County get its budget wishes?

JENN WATT

Staff Reporter

Haliburton's no different than the rest of the country when it comes to federal budget priorities: we need big spending and we need it soon, community members say.

Two weeks before the Conservatives release their preliminary budget January 27, some local stakeholders shared their wish lists with the *Echo*.

High-speed Internet

"Everywhere I go broadband and high-speed Internet comes up," Warden Dave Burton says.

"It would be nice to have 100 per cent connectivity" in the county, he says.

Haliburton County just received a \$1 million broadband grant from the province coupled with \$2.24 million from Bell Aliant and \$560,000 from the county, but it would take millions more to fully cover every home in the area.

Having fast Internet connections could greatly enhance the local economy, says county CAO Jim Wilson.

"For business, education, health, all of those uses are important. If people are connected visitors will stay up here longer and it will also attract new businesses and retain existing businesses," Wilson says.

The key, says Bell Aliant representative Jim Neubauer, is to get central public locations hooked up so that everyone has access.

Infrastructure

The county is operating in an infrastructure deficit – there is more improvement needed than there is money to fix up roads and bridges.

Wilson says spending money on this construction work could also improve the economy.

"That provides jobs and boosts the local economy and helps to rehabilitate infrastructure that's getting near the end of its useful life," he says.

According to the Federation of Canadian Municipalities, if money is spent on infrastructure rather than cut from taxes, the positive repercussions are much greater.

On the Building Canada Fund, FCM says, "Should the federal, provincial and municipal governments agree to projects financed by the federal budgetary allocations for 2007-08 through 2009-10, this would add a total of just over \$8 billion to infrastructure spending, which would

increase the size of the otherwise weakened economy by slightly more than one per cent, and would add 92,000 jobs (44,000 in construction)."

MP Barry Devolin agrees, and has put work on the Trent-Severn Waterway on his wish list.

Last spring, the panel on the TSW's future recommended that the federal government spend \$280 million on long-term infrastructure improvements. At the time, environment minister John Baird committed the government to \$63 million over five years.

"I've been trying to get more added to the list and ramp it up to [being achieved in] one or two years," he says of the initial funding commitment. "However, there may be some practical considerations about how much they can do in one season. Even if you go as fast as you can it doesn't mean you can get it done quickly. But let's do as much as we can as fast as we can."

Housing

When money and jobs are scarce, it is even more important that social services and affordable housing are present.

Places for People president Fay Martin says the federal budget should include money for nationwide affordable housing, but with a funding formula that works for rural situations.

"The big issue: there hasn't been federal funding for housing forever and ever, for several decades," Martin says.

"There have been thoughts about housing initiatives subsequently, but the problem is they don't have the rural reality in mind. They're really designed for urban stuff. They really aren't of a scale that is useful to us," she said.

Often money for housing doesn't include the costs in-

cluded with transportation and service provision.

"For example you might have to develop a new area or bring servicing into an area if it's rural. Those costs can't be afforded – they're not included in the funding formula because the assumption always is that they'll be made available at no cost or very little cost. In Toronto there's no expense, they're already there, but here there's huge expense," she said.

To get the county up to provincial standards of 30 per cent rental housing stock, 1,182 new units are needed.

The environment

Environment Haliburton president Heather Ross said one of the big things the feds could do for the environment and the economy is create a home insulation fund. "We're poor and we're old," Ross said, therefore saving money on heat and keeping our homes toasty in the winter are greatly important. She also recommended investing in green technology, cutting the GST on energy-efficient products and introducing a carbon tax.

Devolin, on the other hand, says there should be GST incentives for buying new cars to buoy the flagging industry. He notes, "There's a green halo to new cars. They're environmentally more friendly – there's less pollution and they consume less fuel."

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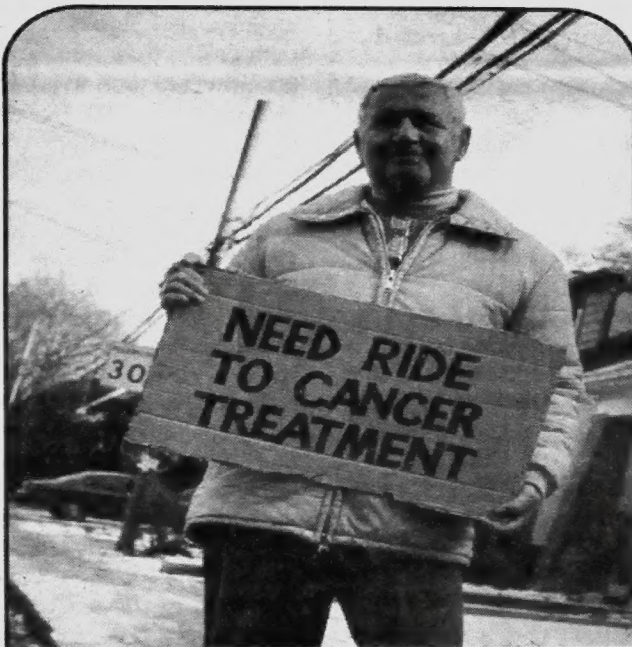
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Reform and Green will field candidates

PEGGY ARMSTRONG

Special to the Echo

The provincial byelection in Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock has not been officially called yet, but the Reform Party of Ontario and the Green Party of Ontario have announced they will field candidates in the race to replace former MPP Laurie Scott.

The Reform party's executive "did some soul searching" about running a candidate, leader Brad Harness said last week. He noted that it's a "gentlemanly" practice not to run against the leader of a party but in the case of challenging Progressive Conservative leader John Tory, "democracy and grassroots trump that."

"The bone of contention is that he has parachuted into a riding he doesn't live in yet again."

Harness said that Reform will run a local candidate. Two people are being considered so far and he is expecting more to step forward before a choice is made.

The Green party announced yesterday that its candidate will be Mike Schreiner, a Toronto-based small businessman.

"It's my first time running for office," Schreiner says. He was raised on a cattle farm in Kansas and moved to Toronto in the 1990s with his wife. "I don't have any personal connections [in the riding]."

"If elected, I would move to the riding. I've been trying to convince my wife to buy a farm. This will help with those negotiations."

About three years ago, Schreiner founded Local Food Plus, a non-profit organization that promotes using local food at institutions and restaurants. He said LFP has worked with the University of Toronto and Markham and has had talks with the regions of Peel and Halton.

Schreiner is vice president of LFP, but has taken a leave to focus on the byelection, which has yet to be called by Premier Dalton McGuinty.

He said Ontario needs a differentiated, resilient economy, particularly during these tougher economic times, adding that as a small business person he has the experience and knowledge to strengthen small businesses. Noting the adage not to put all your eggs in one basket, Schreiner said the province would be better off supporting a variety of smaller industries to produce jobs, rather than putting so much emphasis on one sector, such as the auto industry.

He emphasized his strong bonds with farmers through the work of LFP. "I absolutely agree that farmers feed cities."

Schreiner sees being a member of a relatively smaller party as a bonus. If elected, he would be the only MPP from the Green Party.

He said he would focus on passing private member's bills on local issues and would have greater freedom to act, rather than being bound by a large caucus.

In 2007, the Greens fielded a candidate in all 207 ridings. The party received over eight per cent, almost 350,000 votes, of the total votes cast in the province.

In polling in June of last year, the Greens held 13 per cent of support, tied with the provincial New Democratic Party.

The Reform Party of Ontario was formed in 2007. Reform was better known as a federal party and it tended not to run provincially so it would not split votes from the Conservatives. Federally, it became the Canadian Alliance Party, then merged into the Conservative Party.

In 2007, the Ontario Reform party ran two candidates in the general election. Combined, they received 354 votes.



CHAD INGRAM/Echo

Joined by his daughter, former Liberal MP John O'Reilly, and wife, Rick Johnson announced on Monday morning that he will run against John Tory.

Liberal candidate stresses his ties to the riding

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He notes that he has a list of local community service and accomplishments, while Tory does not.

"John's always looking for the easy way in," he said, adding that Tory did not become a councillor before running, unsuccessfully, for the mayor's job in Toronto. And he didn't become an MPP before winning leadership of the provincial PC Party.

"What bothers me in all of this is why is it that where John lives, in the City of Toronto, he ran in 2003 (for mayor) he wasn't successful, he ran in his own area in 2007, he wasn't successful," Johnson said "nobody would step aside for him" in his own caucus for 15 months. "Why is it the people who know him best aren't willing to support him? Why does he have to come out here to get support?"

He warned off concern that he might be seen as a one-note candidate, having experience primarily in education as chair of the Trillium Lakelands District School Board. Scott was a nurse for 20 years prior to running, he pointed out, and Tory ran the Canadian Football League.

"My neighbours are farmers. My neighbours are auto workers. They're accountants, they're lawyers, they're everybody in this community. John Tory ran the CFL. What does that have to do with farmers?"

He also said he and his wife, Terri Crawford, have successfully run their own small business for 38 years. The duo has been in the music business since meeting in high school in Winnipeg in the 1970s. Crawford has been nominated for two Junos.

Johnson said they'd continue to perform if he is elected. "Why not," he asked, adding that they're doing what they love.

After living in Toronto, and "travelling everywhere" on tour, they moved to Pontypool in the late 1980s and raised their two children. "We chose to live here," Crawford said. They liked the proximity to Toronto, but wanted a rural setting.

Johnson said it will come down to a clear choice: do voters want someone in Opposition, or someone in government. And do they want someone from Toronto, or someone local.

He is not concerned that there might be vote splitting now that the Green Party has named a candidate and the Ontario Reform Party is looking for one. "I don't

think that anyone who votes for Reform would vote for me." The NDP has not stated yet whether it will enter the race.

On the issues, Johnson said the provincial Conservatives can't say that Premier Dalton McGuinty has been quiet about the stalled economy. He said the federal Conservatives just went through an election in which they were saying the economy was healthy, while McGuinty was calling for belt tightening.

He said details of the financial bailout of the auto industry "will become a lot clearer" today, after the U.S. government goes through its change and Barack Obama is sworn in as President.

Investing in the auto sector is needed, he argued, because without the support, those jobs will go south. He said it's important to invest the money in ways to create more jobs.

Locally, he supports more public transportation so that people without cars can get into local towns. He dismissed the argument that the riding has too small a population to support public transportation. "If you build it, they will come."

He strongly supports the return of commuter trains to Peterborough, the extension of Highway 407 and the widening of Hwy 35. He admitted some people "are not thrilled" to have Hwy 35 go to four lanes between Hwy 115 to Lindsay, because they live close to it.

Johnson said he lives only a kilometre from it and is sympathetic. He would proceed only after due diligence. But he said it would make the highway safer, with fewer fatalities. His daughter agreed, remarking that she has been to four funerals of young people who have lost their lives on the road.

His goal for the riding, he said, is to create an environment that will make the communities attractive to businesses. He wants students to graduate and be able to find work locally.

Johnson doesn't know when McGuinty will call the byelection, but said he would like it to be soon so that Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock has a representative again as soon as possible.

He said he's bothered that some people might view Tory's win in this contest as "a cakewalk. It's not. People are angry. We'll decide in this community who represents us.... Whatever decision they make, I'll respect."

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Celebrate 250 years of Burns with Legions

MATT JAMES

Staff Reporter

Saturday marks the 250th birthday celebration of Scotland folk hero Robert "Robbie" Burns. And like the Irish do on St. Patrick's Day, the Scots invite you to join the celebrations at Royal Canadian Legions around the county – oh, and try the haggis.

Veteran celebrator Bill Elliot has been attending Burns nights for more than 50 years.

"Robbie Burns is a national poet of Scotland," the Kennisis Lake resident says with his thick Scottish brogue. "He's well respected, honoured and remembered. And not just in Scotland – there are Burns societies practically everywhere around

the world."

Elliot has been the Master of Ceremonies or involved in some way or another over the years with Robbie Burns Night at the Haliburton Legion. He says Burns was very down to earth and well educated.

"He was a very simple man too," said Elliot. "He could look at something and just make a poem up about it. You don't have to be a very deep scholar to appreciate what his poems are about."

And that's what's made Burns so popular. He became a master of Latin, French, and mathematics but it was because he understood the common man that his poems appealed the masses. Yet he was still accepted by the intellectuals and the gentry.

"You can read Burns's poetry and get a lot out of it," said Elliot.

Being Scottish does have its advantage though, as many of Burns's poems are written in Lowlands Scottish and are set in Scotland. Some of the locations and objects Burns wrote about are still around today and have been made into parks or tourist attractions, especially after 1998 when Scotland established its own government.

One of Elliott's favourite poems by Burns is *Tam O' Shanter*. And, he says, if you can recite all 225 lines at the Legion or in a Scottish pub you'll be the talk of the town for weeks.

So why does everyone like to become Scottish on Robbie Burns Day?

"I think it's a sociable thing more than anything really," said Elliot.

This year's celebration will no doubt attract a few more honorary Scots into Royal Canadian Legions in Haliburton and Wilberforce, as Saturday marks the 250th birthday of Robert "Robbie" Burns.

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Fred Waller beats the drum for Robert Burns Night.



The Haliburton Pipes and Drums will fill the Haliburton Legion with the sounds of Scotland on Saturday night.

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Breanne Mansfield has been doing Robbie Burns nights for the past 20 years and her brother Andrew is the lead piper with Pipes and Drums.

And what about the haggis?

"I'll tell you this much," Elliott says. "Some people are weary of eating haggis – haggis is delicious, I can tell you that. It's very tasty; it's all in how it's seasoned. If you haven't tasted it, you should."

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Sir Sam's gets all crossed

Inaugural skier and boarder cross a success

MATT JAMES

Staff Reporter

Nearly 70 skiers and snowboarders participated in the first-ever CFSA- and AOS- sanctioned recreational competition at Sir Sam's Ski Area over the weekend.

On Saturday, 24 skiers took to the hill for the Canadian Freestyle Ski Association skier cross event and on Sunday 44 snowboarders hit the course for a chance to claim first place, to pick up swag, and perhaps find out if they're ready to keep racing.



MATT JAMES/ECHO

These are just two of a strong show of female participants at the skier/boarder cross races at Sir Sam's over the weekend. Sir Sam's Suzanne McKechnie won gold in the women's masters' event.

Sir Sam's newly appointed snow school director Dave Webb was "thrilled" about the weekend event, saying, "everyone who took part loved it."

Webb estimates that 75 per cent of the

participants, aged 11 and up, were locals or cottagers of Haliburton County.

One of locals was 12-year-old Jack Hogarth, who won his first-ever competition and did so in the most dramatic fashion in the final of the 11- to 13-year-old race category.

After flying through three qualifying races Jack entered the final with a good understanding of type of run he needed to win. Out of the starting gate Jack and the two other competitors got off to an

equal start.

But as the three edged closer to the first gate, Jack got sandwiched between the other two and was forced out the back of the small pack, leaving him in last place early in the race.

"But I slowly crept up to them and passed them," said Jack, who enjoys the competitiveness of skier cross the best.

Jack's father, Doug Hogarth of Hogarth

See Sir Sam's page 13



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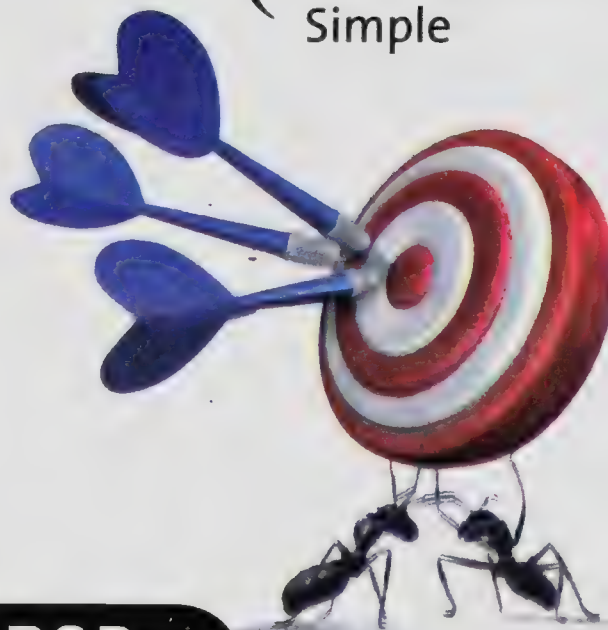
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Sir Sam's is all about the speed not the big-air jumps

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Excavating, who helped Sir Sam's widen and clear part of the skier/boarder cross run, also participated. He took third place, behind Webb in the 19-plus age category.

"The thing I like about it is you can see how fast your competition is," said Hogarth.

In other downhill ski races – downhill, giant slalom and super giant slalom – skiers take to the hill one by one to compete for the fastest time.

But in skier/boarder cross, between two and four racers, usually four, compete at the same time, which also makes it pretty exciting to watch. And the wipeouts are often epic.

Why Sir Sam's?

The skier/boarder cross course at Sir Sam's is a little different than traditional ones. Professional courses have big-air jumps but at Sir Sam's, those areas have been shaved down by design.

"It's all about speed," said J.D. Bishop, who helped create the course.

Rather than big kickers, they're more like big rollers, like a giant wave. That's not to say that skier/boarder cross racers can't get any air.

So why was Sir Sam's the place to not only host, but kick off, the CFSA and AOS recreational skier/boarder cross season?

It helps that the banana run is naturally tailor made for a skier/boarder cross course, the run has good pitch at the starting gate and a variety of turns, and it runs the entire length of the hill, top to bottom.

The fact that snowmaking begins at Sir Sam's in mid-November also helps.

"Our skier/boarder cross course is one of the first to be made," said Bishop.

Webb may have had some celebrity backing as well. In 2005 he worked with Canadian Ski Hall of Fame member Meredith Gardner, arguably Canada's most successful freestyle skier in the '80s.

The two hosted the very first skier cross in Beaver Valley that year.



Oshawa Ski Club racer Sawyer Herron, the eventual first place winner of the men's open category, tucks into turn two at Sir Sam's on Sunday.

"While snowboarders led the way [with boarder cross]," said Webb, "skier cross is Canadian, it's home grown. Canada developed skier cross."

With Sir Sam's ready to go in early December, often a few weeks earlier than other ski areas, it wasn't hard to attract the CFSA and AOS.

"When [AOS] arrived here Jacqueline Snarr was completely blown away," said Webb. Snarr is the president of AOS.

"We love Sir Sam's," said Snarr. "They put on a great course... and they're very supportive of snowboarding."

Webb wished to thank all of the participants and volunteers who helped make the day a success.

While the weekend races were only recreational, the Ontario Junior boarder cross team was also in attendance, which Bishop thought was great for the young participants on the hill that day.

"They can see how close they are to the best in Ontario," said Bishop.

Webb says the CFSA and AOS will be back again next year for the recreational league competitions, but he's hoping for bigger and better things.

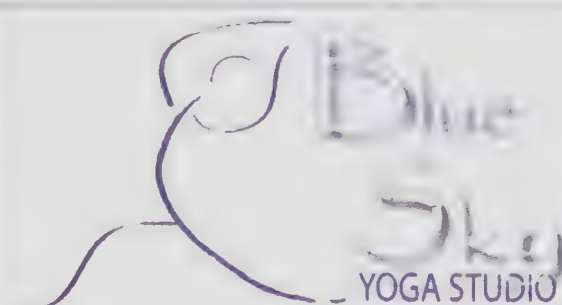
Webb is trying to convince the AOS to come back to Sir

Sam's in February for a competitive series race.

And while Snarr's answer wasn't exactly a committed yes, it wasn't a flat out no either.

"We have to wait and see what the commitment is from the athletes themselves," said Snarr.

She said the entry-level races this past weekend gave boarders the opportunity to see if they like boarder cross. "Or if boarder cross likes you," she laughed.



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HHSS wrestlers excel at tournament

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Special to the Echo

Wrestlers from Haliburton Highlands Secondary School opened the new year in fine fashion with several outstanding performances at two competitions held last week.

On Friday, January 9, 20 Red Hawks travelled to Peterborough to compete at the Crestwood Invitational Wrestling Tournament. Twelve HHSS athletes ranked among the top three of their respective weight classes.

A day later, seven members of the Haliburton wrestling Club returned to Peterborough to compete at the extremely challenging Kawartha Olympic Wrestling Club Wrestling Tournament. Special mention goes to Zane Zondervan, Karl Kadwell and Sasha White, who each earned gold and bronze medals in back-to-back

competitions.

Crestwood results:

Gold Medalists: Cody Griffin, Justin Bain, Sasha White
Silver Medalists: Jon Pawson, Kanisha White, Lily Coneybeare

Bronze Medalists: Connor Cowan, Zane Zondervan, Karl Kadwell, Nicole Mazara, Tori Brown, Mikaela Charlebois

KOWC Invitational results:

Gold Medalists: Zane Zondervan, Karl Kadwell
Bronze Medalist: Sasha White

Congratulations to all athletes on a great start in the new year. HHSS wrestlers will spend the next three weeks preparing for the upcoming Ontario Amateur Wrestling Association provincial championships on February 6 to 8 at Brock University.

School board settles with secondary teachers

Several negotiation meetings between Trillium Lakelands District School Board and the District 15 (OSSTF local) secondary and occasional teachers have resulted in a tentative agreement between the parties.

The new deal, reached late Friday, awaits approval from the OSSTF local and the Trillium Lakelands District School Board of Trustees. Both parties are hopeful to complete that process before the January 30 deadline set by the province.

Details of the new deal reached between Trillium Lakelands and the OSSTF local will remain confidential until the agreement is ratified.

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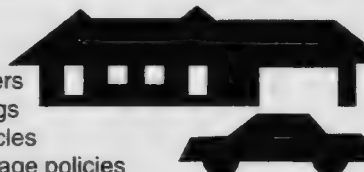
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A man who needs no introduction is Matt Duchene and Alex Hutchings' coach, Don Cherry.

Showcasing their skills

MATT JAMES

Staff Reporter

Haliburton teenager Matt Duchene and Redstone Lake cottager Alex Hutchings were two of the top 40 draft-eligible prospects invited to the 14th annual Home Hardware CHL-NHL Top Prospects Game and Skills Competition on January 13 and 14 in Oshawa.

Inside the General Motors Centre the crowd was revved and the players were psyched by the opportunity to impress the 150 NHL scouts and general managers and better their chances of being drafted in June's NHL entry draft in Montreal.

"It was really fun to see all the skill everyone has," said Hutchings, the leading scorer for Barrie Colts so far this season. "I don't know too many guys from the West [WHL] or the Q [QMJHL], but to see what they're like, it's pretty awesome."

Both Hutchings and Duchene were members of Team Cherry, as in Don, the founder of Coache's Corner, former Boston Bruins head coach, and Canadian hockey legend.

For the skills segment, Hutchings was selected as a passer for the shooting accuracy competition and Duchene participated in the puck control relay. After a tie in the skills segment Team Cherry skated to a 5-3 win as part of a three-on-three game, which served as a warm up to the big game the next day.

See page 16 for the full write up on the Top Prospects game.



Alex was a set up man for the shooting accuracy skills challenge.

In the photo sequence below Duchene works his way through the pylons in the puck control competition.

Photos by Matt James



Members of the CHL's 40 Top Prospects watch Hutchings snap a shot during warm ups just prior to the three-on-three game of the skills competition in Oshawa.

Brampton Battalion sniper Matt Duchene and Barrie Colts star Alex Hutchings have a chat and a breather at the bench where they watch fellow Top Prospects perform.



Having Don Cherry, middle, as a coach was, "an experience of a lifetime," says Duchene.



Redstone Lake cottager Alex Hutchings (10) anticipates the puck drop.

Moving on up!

Duchene, Hutchings on display to 150 NHL scouts

MATT JAMES

Staff Reporter

To play hockey in the NHL is the dream of many young men and on January 14 Haliburtonian Matt Duchene and Redstone Lake cottager Alex Hutchings got the chance to showcase their skills in front of 150 NHL scouts at the 14th annual CHL/NHL Home Hardware Top Prospects game in Oshawa.

And if playing before NHL scouts wasn't enough for the young men, behind the benches were two of hockey's most known men: number four Bobby Orr and the voice of Hockey Night In Canada's first intermission, Don Cherry.

Despite losing 6-1 as teammates on Team Cherry, the play of Duchene and Hutchings were still very noticeable, especially in the first period.

"We came out flying in the first," Cherry said of his team.

Duchene, who assisted on Team Cherry's lone-goal Wednesday night, has been ranked as high as second among North American skaters according to most recent NHL Central Scouting rankings list.

"He can be a top-five pick; he's a very well-rounded kid," one NHL scout, who wished to remain anonymous, said of Duchene before the game. "[He] plays hard, plays with a bit of an edge; he's got great skill, great speed, he's very strong for his age. He's got a lot of things going for him."

During Wednesday night's game, Duchene registered three shots on goal in the first period, one hitting the cross bar, another missing just wide.

In the post-game media press conference Cherry was asked if any of his players stood out. The first name he uttered just happened to be the young man from Haliburton.

"I thought Duchene had jump," said Cherry. "He really has jump."

While Hutchings didn't find the score sheet Wednesday night and isn't ranked as high as Duchene, he's certainly on the scouting radar screens.

Prior to game the 18-year-old Highlands cottager and Barrie Colts star said the game was important for someone of his ranking position.

"I'm not rated in the top 20 or the top 30 [in North America]," said Hutchings, who prior to game was ranked 22nd among OHL skaters and 48th in North America. "So I want to go out there and maybe prove to them that I can be a first rounder. I just want to go out there and show my skills and my speed."

In the Top Prospects game Hutchings registered four decent shots on goal in the first period alone and displayed speed and agility, just two of his hockey assets according to the same scout.

"He's a great skater, very quick," said the scout. "Great lateral movements and he's got a great nose for the net."

Hutchings, in his third year with the Colts, is the team's leading scorer with 21 goals and 41 points in 40 games. His only potential knock is his size, which is still reasonable at 5-foot-10 and 179 lbs.

"He still seems to point produce," continued the scout after pointing out Hutchings' lack of size. "But he's sneaky; he steals the puck, he's very good at anticipating the play and anticipating where



The action gets a little too close.

the puck's going to be. He's not afraid to take a hit as well."

While the scout couldn't say whether Hutchings would be a first round choice, he did say it was possible.

Said the scout: "The next month or two is going to show a lot for these guys. He's got a bright future."

And while the scouts, coaches, and even the players understand a weekend event like the CHL/NHL Home Hardware Top Prospects won't make or break a player's draft, the game isn't taken lightly by the players, as Cherry indicated before and after the game.

"You go in the dressing room and think there would be a little laughing and stuff going on," said Cherry prior to game. "But this is like the seventh game of the Stanley Cup for them."

Post-game Cherry said: "After a game like that you really have to go in and pump them up ... because they take the defeat pretty hard."

Perhaps the players were savvy of a statistic that surfaced from last year's crop of players: 20 of the 40 players in last year's Top Prospects game were selected in the first round of the 2008 NHL Entry Draft.

Duchene, who was appointed as an alternate captain, talked of Team Cherry's struggle to find chemistry but also praised Team Orr's goaltending.

"It's tough. You don't play with these guys ever ... and there's no system," said Duchene. "When you're used to playing a system with your team, a lot of things can break down. They scored on their opportunities in the first period and that deflated us. And their goalies played very well."

While Duchene and Hutchings were please with their play despite the loss, it was the sentiments of coaches Orr and Cherry that conveyed just how good these kids will be.

"This isn't a typical all-star game," said Orr. "It's a game where the kids are trying to show their stuff and every one of them did."

"Those kids in there are the greatest kids in the world," said Cherry. "And I was just proud to be amongst them."

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Rural Routes is a group exhibit of new work that runs from January 24 until February 21. Responding to an open call for entry, gallery members were invited to respond to the theme of the show – rural routes, with work created in the past 24 months.

Suggestive of a lifestyle, pathway or even a postal address, the theme was chosen by gallery director Laurie Jones as a way of challenging the imagination and inspiring new work.

Presented "salon" style, this is a wall-to-wall event with work ranging from weaving to painting to stone sculpture and is an exciting look at the many creative pathways being explored by Haliburton area artists today.

Opening reception Saturday January 24, 4 to 6 p.m. in the Highland Gallery.

Upcoming: Tea at Three the weekly arts discussion group open to everyone. Tiffany's Fantastic Postcard Collection, with Tiffany Howe Wednesday, January 21, A Soapmaking Primer with Deb Everit of Laughing Goat Farm, Wednesday, January 28, 3 p.m.

Rails End Gallery is located in Haliburton's historic railway station. Devoted to bringing art to life in Haliburton, the gallery presents exhibitions and public programs year round.

For information visit www.railsend-gallery.com or call 457-2330. Open Wednesday to Friday 11 to 6, Saturday 11 to 5, Sunday 12-4.

Admission is by donation.

Art Hive abuzz with events

ELEANOR COOPER

West Guilford Correspondent

An informal craft evening is held at the Art Hive involving a different project every month on the third Thursday of the month from 7 to 9 p.m. The cost is \$10 or \$5 if you are a member of the Art Hive, the artists collective on Hwy. 118 in Maple Lake. Découpage will be the theme on February 19.

Best wishes to the growing number of ailing Guilford residents currently in Haliburton Hospital or just returned to

recuperate at home: Phrona Sisson, Bob Barry, Marion Barry, George Nicholls and Helen Barry.

News from the Irish Line: Rose Barry tells us that Tom and Elaine Nunn will be returning to Guilford in the spring from their present home in Campbell River.

Euchre scores at the West Guilford Community Centre on January 13 showed Ann McIvor and Cliff Davison with highest scores, Iris Freeman and Ron Bain with the lowest scores and Ginger Muenzel and Ivan Kernohan with the most lone hands. Specials went to Dorothy Upton and Jim O'Brien.



COUNTY OF HALIBURTON LAND DIVISION COMMITTEE

NOTICE OF APPLICATIONS FOR CONSENT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 53(5)(a) of the *Planning Act* and Section 3, O.Reg. 197/96, as amended, that the following Applications for Consent have been submitted to the Haliburton County Land Division Committee, the consent granting authority in these matters.

AND FURTHER THAT at its meeting to be held **Monday February 9th, 2009 at 7:00 p.m.** in the Administration Building, County of Haliburton Office, 11 Newcastle Street, Minden, Ontario, these Applications for Consent will be heard by the Land Division Committee:

- File No. H-087/08
Applicant: Donald & Marie GAGE
Location of the Property: Pt. Lot 1, Concession 5, Geographic Township of Dysart
Nature of the Application: Lot Addition
- File No. H-088/08
Applicant: Elsie HUTSON
Location of the Property: Pt. Lot 1, Concession 5, Geographic Township of Dysart
Nature of the Application: Lot Addition & Easement
- File No. H-089/08
Applicant: Basile COOPER
Location of the Property: Pt. Lots 4 & 5, Concession 5, Geographic Township of Guilford
Nature of the Application: Lot Addition
- File No. H-090/08
Applicant: Gerald & Jane IDE
Location of the Property: Pt. Lots 8 & 9, Concession 9, Geographic Township of Dysart
Nature of the Application: Lot Addition
- File No. H-091/08 & H-093/08
Applicant: Deborah SNUCINS
Location of the Property: Pt. Lot 8, Concession 13, Geographic Township of Guilford
Nature of the Application: 2 Lot additions
- File No. H-092/08
Applicant: Peter SNUCINS
Location of the Property: Pt. Lot 8, Concession 13, Geographic Township of Guilford
Nature of the Application: Lot addition
- File No. H-094/08
Applicant: Peter CURRY
Location of the Property: Pt. Lots 11 to 15, Concessions 6 & 7, Geographic Township of Dudley
Nature of the Application: New Lot
- File No. H-095/08
Applicant: PETER CURRY HOLDINGS LTD.
Location of the Property: Pt. Lot 10, Concession 7, Geographic Township of Dudley
Nature of the Application: Right-of-way

Additional information regarding any of the above-noted applications is available for public inspection at the Land Division Office by appointment during regular business hours, Monday to Friday, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

If a person or public body that files an appeal of a decision of the Land Division Committee in respect of the proposed consent does not make written submissions to the Land Division Committee before it gives or refuses to give a provisional consent, the Ontario Municipal Board may dismiss the appeal.

If you wish to be notified of the decision of the Land Division Committee in respect of the proposed consent, you must make a written request to the undersigned.

Dated at the Township of Minden Hills this 20th day of January, 2009.

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Tenders must be received on or before 3:00 p.m. on Wednesday, February 4th, 2009.

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COUNTY OF HALIBURTON RAIL TRAIL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

Date: January 22, 2009
Time: 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm
Location: Haliburton County Office, Minden

The goal of the public meeting is to let the community of Haliburton County Rail Trail users and potential users have a voice in regards to the future of the Rail Trail. Attendees may request to present at the meeting. Presenters will be allotted 5 minutes to speak.

The Haliburton Highlands Trails and Tours Network on behalf of the Haliburton County Rail Trail Management Committee will be accepting letters from those unable to attend the meeting and presentation requests sent "Attn: 5 Year Review" until January 14, 2009. Letters can be sent via:

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Legion seeks new members

As a new year begins and the old is left behind we are left trying to find ways to attract new members to the Legion and encourage more participation of existing members. I know a lot of the Legions are finding it hard to find ways to bring in the members, let alone bring the members in to a meeting. It seems that the majority of the members just don't care.

Our Remembrance Day celebrations, which included 45 members from CFB Petawawa, seemed to spark an interest in younger members of the community. I only hope that they will continue to support the branch in the future.

It was such an honour to have the soldiers from Petawawa join us again. After spending a day with these women and men it is almost like you have known them all your life. When the news reports another soldier has been killed from Petawawa my heart just stops. Is it one of the soldier that we had in Haliburton? It just seems to bring it home in a much more personal way.

In November we held our honours and awards celebrations. It was nice to see Joe Kelly. Three of our members received

their 50-year pin along with a certificate of merit for their dedicated service to the branch. They were Collin Brennan, Tom Henderson and Gordon Pearsell.

It is however with great sadness that I have to report that Collin Brennan past away on Christmas Eve. There was a memorial service at the hall Thursday, January 15 for Collin. He will be missed.

On a lighter note we had a very successful new year's at the branch this year. We sold out at the door. Thanks to the MacLay Experience for providing such great entertainment. To the members that pitched in at the last minute to help with the bar, running up and down the stairs getting beer thanks just does not seem like enough.

We will be taking part in Haliburton's winter carnival with a dance at the branch on Saturday, February 14. The music will be provided by Garry Cameron. Tickets will cost \$12. Two dollars from each ticket will go to the Troop Moral Fund.

Everything is in place for the upcoming district convention in the spring and we hope to see you there.

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Hometown Kellar team wins bonspiel

For the first time in about 10 years a team from the host club has won the New Year's bonspiel at the Wilberforce Curling Club. That made the win very special for the club and for the team of Byron Kellar, skip, Melanie Lewis, vice, Nancy Gadway, second and Brenda Kellar, lead. They won all three of their games on Friday and Saturday, January 16 and 17. Congratulations to them.

Ten teams participated in this mixed spiel. The competition was great as players and spectators saw many games won in their final minutes.

In second place was the team of Jack Taylor, Audrey Robson, Steve Robson and Winn Taylor. They play out of the Minden club and are welcome annual participants in this spiel. Third place prizes went to the team of Ron Barr, skip, Robert McIvor, Ginny Carmichael and Elaine Anderson. Most of that team play regularly at the Haliburton club though several are familiar faces in Wilberforce.

There were prizes for the fourth place team as well. That was the team of Doug Stephen, Kim Covert, Ron Roberts and George Calfas who are all members of the

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Wilberforce Club.

The team of Pat Norman, Hilda Attridge, Donna Smith and Marylou Waggett of Haliburton was very competitive but Lady Luck ran out on them this time around. They were presented with consolation prizes. It was pleasant having them and all of the teams visit the Wilberforce club for some fun, exercise and friendly yet fierce competition.

A delicious dinner was enjoyed before the awards ceremony. The club and the participants appreciate the efforts of Melanie Lewis for convening this successful bonspiel. She and club members appreciate all the sponsors and all the volunteers who helped out. Special thanks to Sally

Sterling who so accurately and cheerfully kept the score throughout the entire spiel.

The January loonie lunch at St. Margaret's is this Thursday, January 22. Drop in for soup and dessert between 11:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. Bring your friends too.

Several Wilberforce residents have been having health problems. Best wishes for speedy improvements go out to Keith Tallman, Sam Rivers, Nadeen Sanderson and Phyllis Bowen and all who are ailing.

The Haliburton unit of the Retired Teachers of Ontario (RTO) held its annual winter get-together on Monday, January 12, at the Dominion Hotel Restaurant in Minden. About 50 people enjoyed a tasty meal and pleasant visit at this "Chickadee Lunch."

The Grades 5 and 6 students from the Wilberforce School started curling lessons last Wednesday afternoon. They will have one lesson each week until March Break. The school appreciates the efforts of Doug Stephen and other volunteers from the curling club in providing this addition to the students' physical education program.

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- January 8: Join Community Care at 4:30 p.m. for Yoga Pre-registration required. 457-2941
- January 8: Guided Meditation continues at the Rails End Gallery - Facilitated by Ryan Dawson every Thursday evening 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. Everyone welcome, admission is by donation. Positive visualizations to quiet the mind, calm the body and stir the spirit.
- January 9: Wilberforce Legion Branch #624 Potluck and Jam Session - Potluck starts at 7 p.m and the jam session starts around 8:30 p.m. Come out and enjoy some great dishes and music after.
- January 9: Join Community Care's Diners Club at Wilberforce Legion. Pre-registration required. 457-2941.
- January 9: Join Community Care in the drop-in centre for Cribbage. 457-2941.
- January 11: Minden District Fur Harvesters Annual Workshop from 9 am to 4 pm - Come and join us at the Minden Arena on January 11th. Donations to local food bank would be appreciated.
- January 12: Taoist Tai Chi Society - Taoist Tai Chi Society(R) - new classes beginning in Haliburton, Minden and Wilberforce. Please call Brenda at 447-2148 for more information. Taoist Tai Chi(R) is a gentle form of exercise which helps people of all ages to improve their balance, flexibility and strength.
- January 12: Join Community Care's Aquasize program. Pre-registration required. 457-2941
- January 15: Guided Meditation continues at the Rails End Gallery - Facilitated by Ryan Dawson every Thursday evening 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. Everyone welcome, admission is by donation. Positive visualizations to quiet the mind, calm the body and stir the spirit.
- January 17: Minden Agricultural Society's General Meeting and Dinner from 5 to 8:30 p.m. - Join us at the Minden United Church on Newcastle Street. Tickets are only \$15 and are available through Mary at 854-0335

- January 19: Wilberforce Heritage Guild Annual Meeting - Will be held at the Lloyd Watson Centre at 7 p.m. All welcomed. Refreshments
- January 22: Guided Meditation continues at the Rails End Gallery - Facilitated by Ryan Dawson every Thursday evening 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. Everyone welcome, admission is by donation. Positive visualizations to quiet the mind, calm the body and stir the spirit.
- January 24: Teachings Round the Moon Calendar at the Full Moon - Learn about the moon calendar as Alice Miller has produced a unique 2008 calendar based on the moon cycles and the art of her father, Native artist, Gordon Miller. Join her on the Full Moon at 1032 Cameron Lane, off the Barry Line for a fascinating evening in which she'll share Native stories, symbolism and traditions depicted in her father's art. \$20 includes a calendar. Call Gaia Centre near West Guilford to register 754-2427.
- January 29: Guided Meditation continues at the Rails End Gallery - Facilitated by Ryan Dawson every Thursday evening 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. Everyone welcome, admission is by donation. Positive visualizations to quiet the mind, calm the body and stir the spirit.
- January 30: 2009 Taylor Cup Pond Hockey Championships - 4-on-4 pond hockey tournament from January 30 to February 1st at Bayview Wildwood Resort on Sparrow Lake, just north of Orillia in support of the Princess Margaret Hospital Cancer Research Fun. For more info, directions and registration visit www.taylorcup.ca

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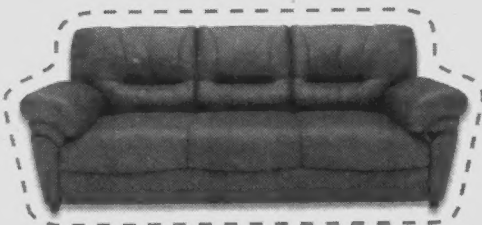
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Births

Births

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Proud parents are
Heather and Andrew Moore.

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Obituaries

WILLIAMS, Barbara Mary - Passed away peacefully at Parkview Meadows, Gardenvue Nursing Home on Saturday January 10, 2009. Mrs. Barbara Williams of Simcoe in her 90th year. Beloved wife of the late Charles (1956). Loving mother of Wendy Vermeersch (Bill) of Haliburton, Nancy Neidrauer (Wayne) of Port Dover and Dave Williams (Susan) of Aurora. Cherished Granny to Kathy (Sean), Cyndi (Mark), Lisa, Lindsay, Jenna and Jeff. Great Granny to Caleb, Jessica and Jack. Dear sister to Bud Thomson (Lillian) of Washington State, Joan Murray of Ottawa and Eric Thomson of Florida. Sister in law to Michael J. Murray of Ottawa. Barbara will be sadly missed by other relatives and friends. Barbara was a retired long time employee of the Ministry of Agriculture and Food in Simcoe. She was a longtime member of Trinity Anglican Church and the Canterbury Club. Friends are invited to meet with the family from 12-1 PM at TRINITY ANGLICAN CHURCH, corner of Court and Colbourne St's, Simcoe on Wednesday January 14, 2009. Where service will follow at 1 PM. The Reverend Bryan Robertson Officiating. Private family interment at Mount Pleasant Cemetery, Toronto. If so desired donations may be made to the Norfolk General Hospital Foundation or the Trinity Anglican Church Building Fund. Arrangements entrusted to the FERRIS FUNERAL HOME, 214 Norfolk St. S., Simcoe. (519-426-1314) Online condolences may be made at ferrisfuneral.com.

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Wruth, Murray

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VICK, Robert (Bob) - Passed away
January 14, 2008

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Wruth, Murray

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On behalf of myself and my family I would like to express my sincere gratitude to the many people who provided help, meals, Christmas goodies and well wishes during my hospital stay and since I have been home.

Without the excellent care provided by the Haliburton Hospital staff, especially Dr. Greg Karagunesian and the two angels who stayed by my side until the special crew arrived from Peterborough to transport me to Toronto, Rachel Fearrey and Nancy Roberts, I would not be here to send this thank you. Their nursing care was incredible but their bedside manner is over the top. Haliburton is lucky to have such a wonderful and caring medical staff at our hospital. While in St. Michaels Hospital I received exceptional care from Dr. J. Monge and his staff and will be forever grateful that I was lucky enough to be transported to this wonderful hospital.

The phone calls and help that my family received from friends and family was overwhelming and will never be forgotten. A very special thank you to my nephew and niece Derrell and Kim Stamp who stayed by my family throughout the critical hours and made a special trip to Toronto to bring me home on short notice. The support that your presence gave Lyle, Susan & Mark is immeasurable. Words will never express my gratitude and although I hope the tables are never turned, I hope that someday I may repay the kindness in another way. To all those who took time out of their busy schedules to visit me in hospital, especially my dear friend Pat, my granddaughters Mia and Josie, just knowing you were there helped pull me through some dark days. Although the nursing station said I was getting too many phone calls, I want everyone to know that

those phone calls helped fill in the long hours and were very much appreciated.

To all those who stepped up and pitched in to help with the Christmas Buffet that I was supposed to organize. I thank you for making it such a great success and especially to Marj Nichols and Cheryl Cooper for taking the reins. From all those who attended I have heard nothing but praise for those that helped to make the dinner such a great success.

To my husband Lyle, daughter Susan and son Mark, you never left my side and your love pulled me through. You told me to fight and be strong and your presence at my bedside told me how much I was loved. You wiped my tears, did my talking for me when I could not and gave me endless kisses and hugs that gave me the strength, especially throughout those first few days, to carry on. It is a great feeling to experience such strong love and affection from your family and I want you to know that my love for you is just as strong.

I have one last person that I need to thank. My good neighbour and friend Margo Sisson got a call in the early morning hours asking her to drive me to town. She had no idea of the stress that I was about to put her through. If I had been thinking straight I would have called an ambulance and saved her the frustration of the slow trip through town due to traffic. I will be forever grateful for her calm demeanor throughout the trip which probably helped save my life. One can only say thank you and be grateful for such a good neighbour.

I am home now and doing great. I would like to say Happy New Year to all my friends and family and a big thank you for all of your support and well wishes.
Love Carol Stamp

Thank You Cards

Card of thanks

The family of the late **Leeanna Bathe** wish to convey their sincere appreciation to all the caregivers, nurses, doctors, friends and neighbours for their support, kind words and compassion. To Barry, Kirsten and Sarah at Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home for their help and guidance and to the Reverend Riscylla Shaw for her comforting service. To those who spoke in memory at the service and to the ladies of St. Paul's Anglican Church Ladies Auxiliary for providing the luncheon. Thank you all for the cards of condolences and your donations in Leeanna's name to the Haliburton Highlands Health Services and St. Paul's Anglican Church.

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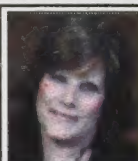
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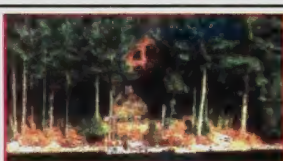
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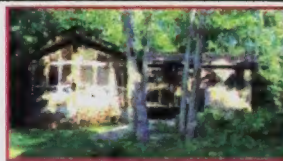
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Three bdrm riverfront bungalow. Boat to 3 lakes from pretty level lot, fronting on a year round road. Full bsmt with 2 bedrooms roughed in.



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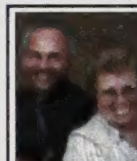
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GREAT YEAR ROUND HOME
... or ... for ... only a short drive to ... Lake for swimming ... mobile trails are close by ... and enjoy the peace & quiet that Haliburton Highlands has to offer.



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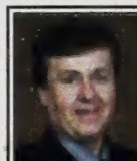
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GULL RIVER
Three bedroom home situated on a park-like setting. Boat to 3 lakes (Maple, Grass & Pine). Full basement, FAE heat & woodstove. Loads of potential!



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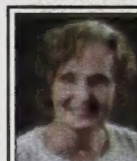
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CLEMENT LAKE
Newly renovated cottage/home on level lot. All new thermal windows, new flooring, new pump & HWT. Approximately 1,300 sq. ft. of living space. Lots of room for the whole family. Year round municipal access & 4 season use. Close to town. Single car detached garage. A pleasure to show & a must to see.



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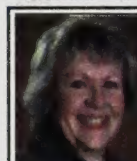
EXCELLENT CENTRAL LOCATION
This very well kept and nicely decorated three bedroom raised bungalow. Featuring a spacious master bedroom with 2pc. ensuite, main floor den/office, full walkout basement with finished family room and guest bedroom. Large front porch and attached garage. A pleasure to show. Check out www.BillKulas.com for all the details & virtual tour!



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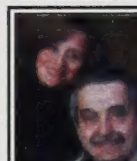
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PELAW LAKE
Year round log cottage on Redstone Lake Chain sand beach, SE view, peace, lawns, private, full fin'd bsmt & lg upper loft. Pine cathedral cigs & log walls, Berber carpet, wstv, laundry, F/A elect. 3 bdrms & 3 baths, bunkie w/chem toilet & loft.



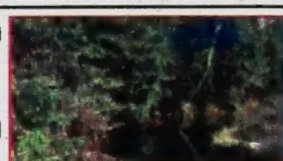
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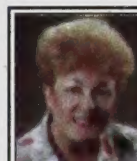
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AWESOME FAMILY HOME
Bright & spacious 3 bdrm, 3 bath home located mins. from Haliburton & packed in on the most private 2.6 acre lot. Features include a full fin'd bsmt/walkout, a master bdrm suite with a 4 pc ensuite & sitting rm. Living rm & dining combo, air tight woodstove & covered veranda. Beautiful lot & tons of house for the money.



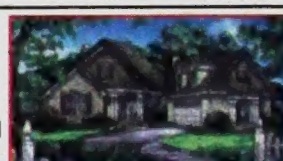
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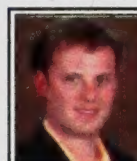
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REDSTONE RIVER
1,000' of frontage on the Redstone River, 3 acres, level building lot with driveway already in. Just minutes to west Guilford Centre!



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\$443,000
"THE SPRINGHILL", STOTHART CREEK
Another elegant custom home by Stothart Creek, the Springhill is a spacious 3,089 sq. ft. 3 bdrm home being built on lot 6. Geothermal heating & cooling and other innovative technologies make this highly energy-efficient with great monthly savings. Call Elizabeth for more details.



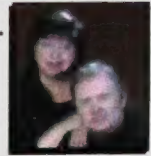
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\$182,000
A 3 bedroom bungalow home situated on a private lot only minutes to Haliburton Village. This spacious bungalow has a fully finished basement with rental income. Well worth a look!



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